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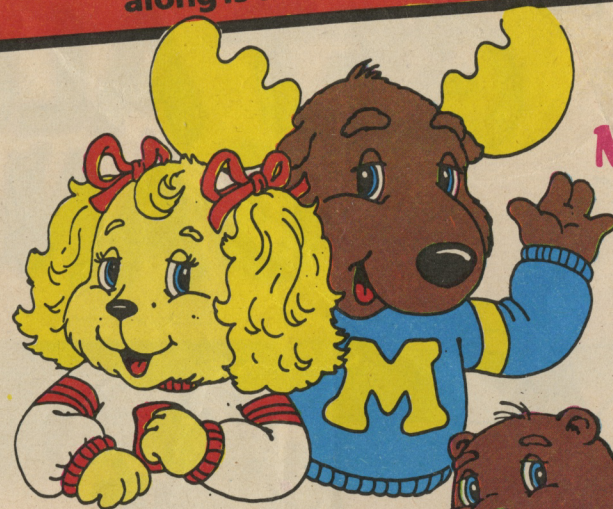


MEET THE GET ALONG GANG!

They're fun and funny and they know that getting along is the way to go!

DOTTY

Dotty Dog is the cheerleader of the gang and a great friend of Montgomery.



MONTGOMERY

Montgomery "Good News" Moose is a great athlete and the unofficial leader of the Get Along Gang.



PORTIA

Portia Porcupine is the youngest member of the gang. She always wants to know the who, what and why of everything.



BINGO

Bingo "Bet-It-All" Beaver got his name because he likes to bet... on anything! The gang has lost count of the times that Bingo's betting has got them into trouble.

WOOLMA

Woolma Lamb is Green Meadow's ballerina, and always likes to look her best.



ZIPPER

Zipper Cat is a great runner and health nut—and always a good friend when someone needs him.

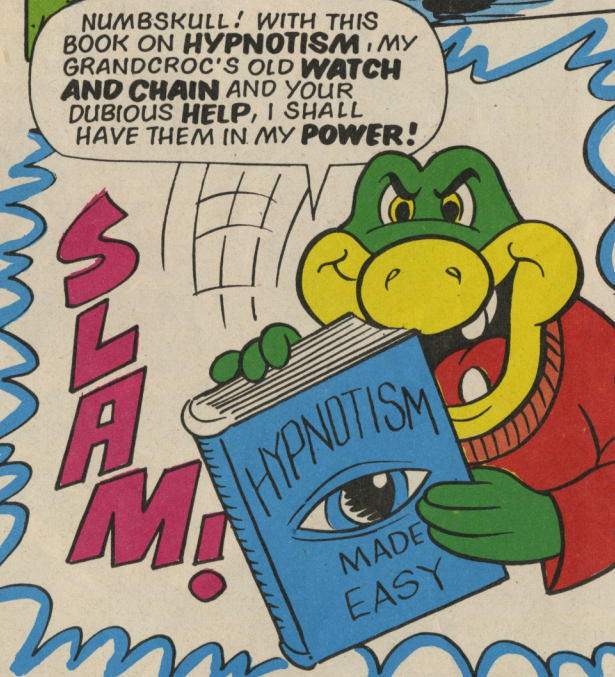
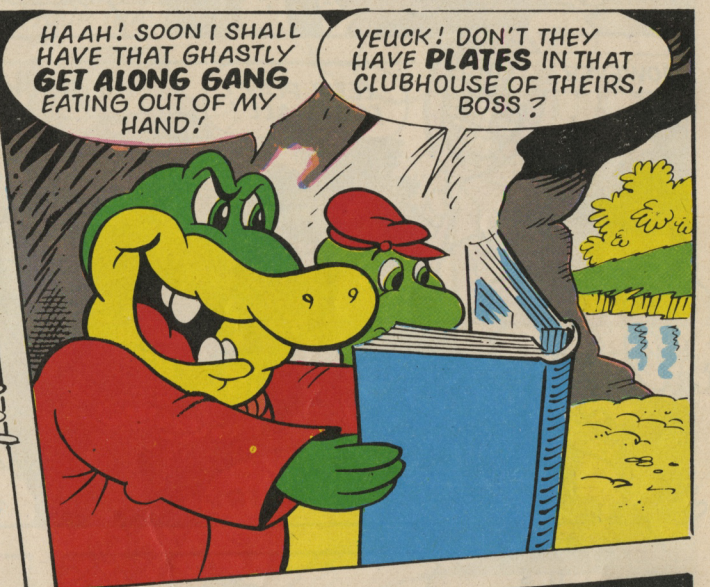
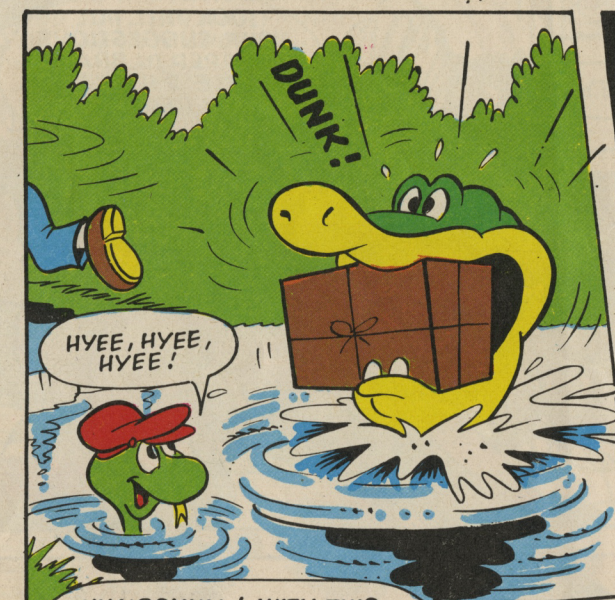


There are six more members of the Get Along Gang—we'll be meeting them next week!

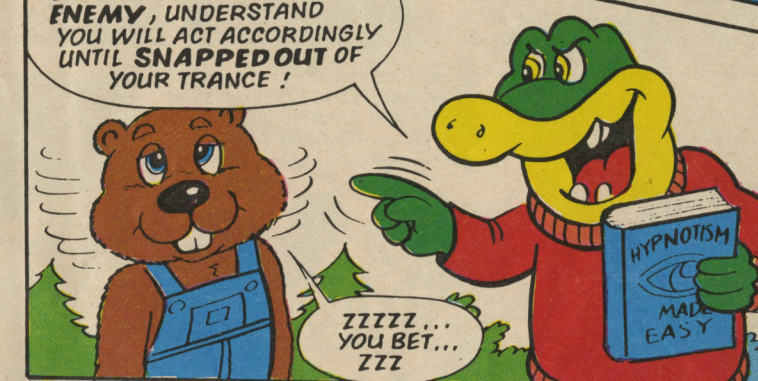
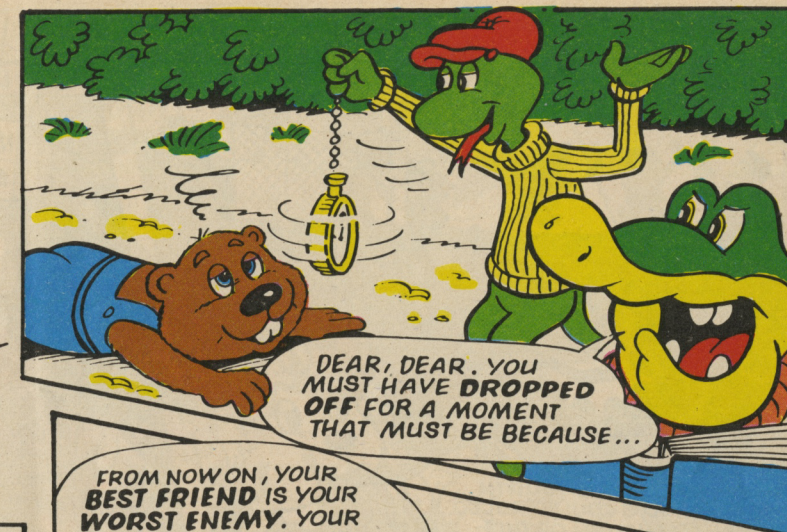
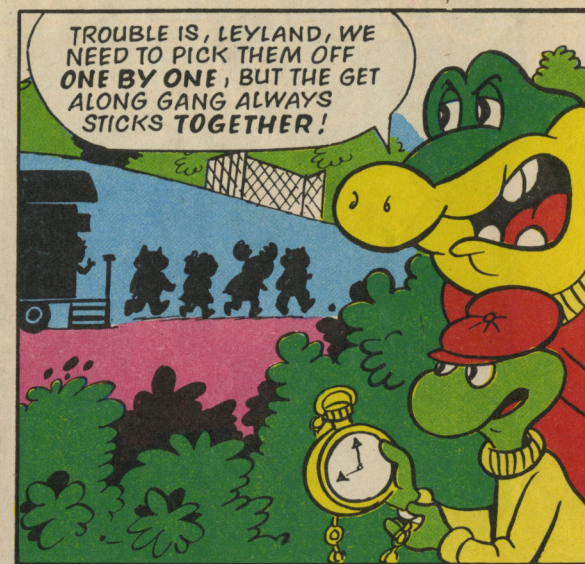
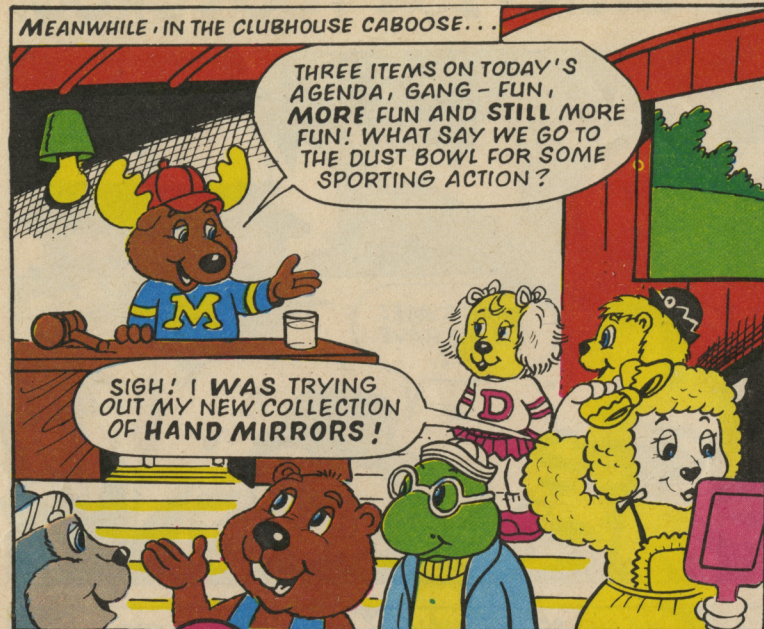
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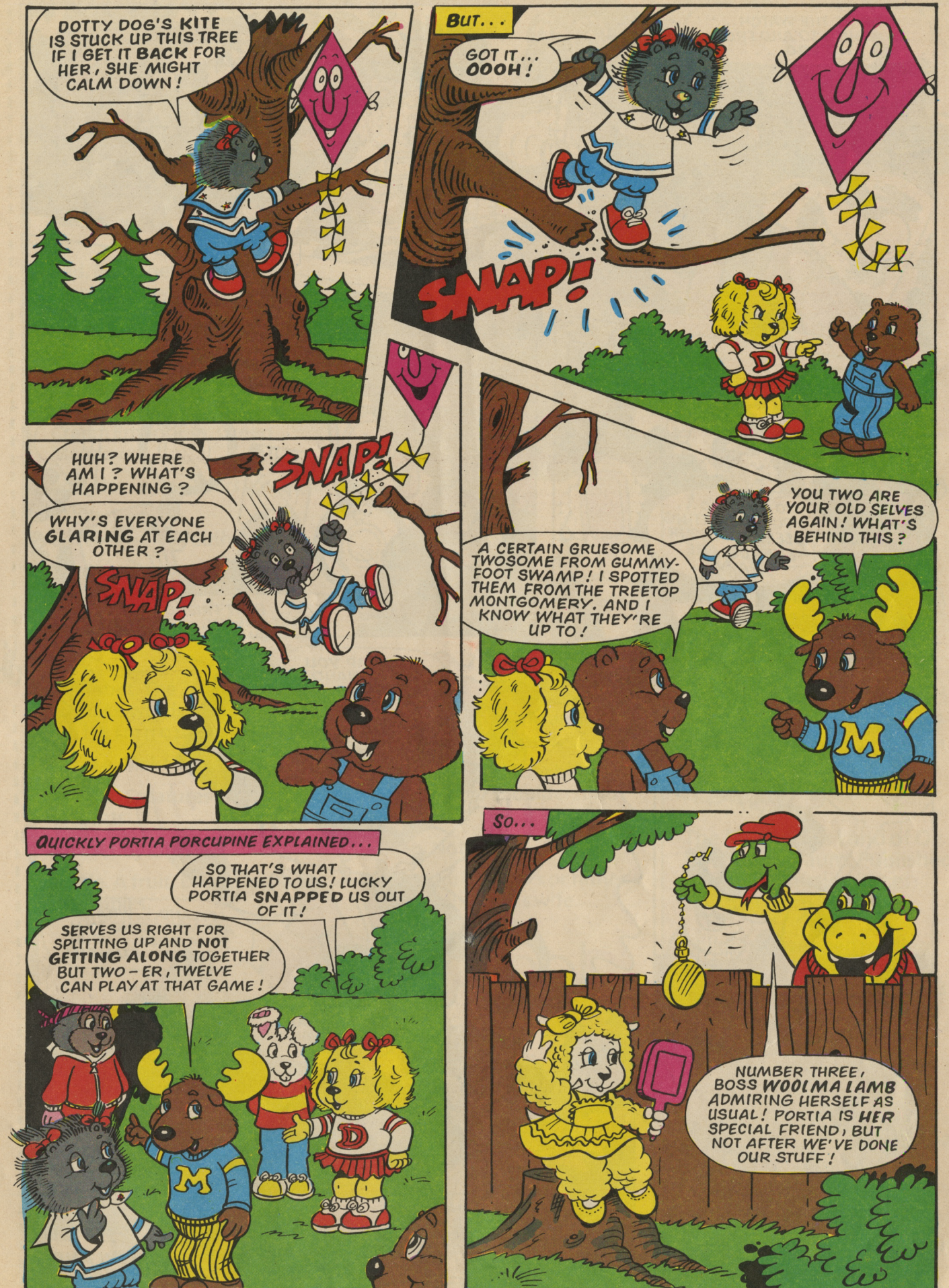
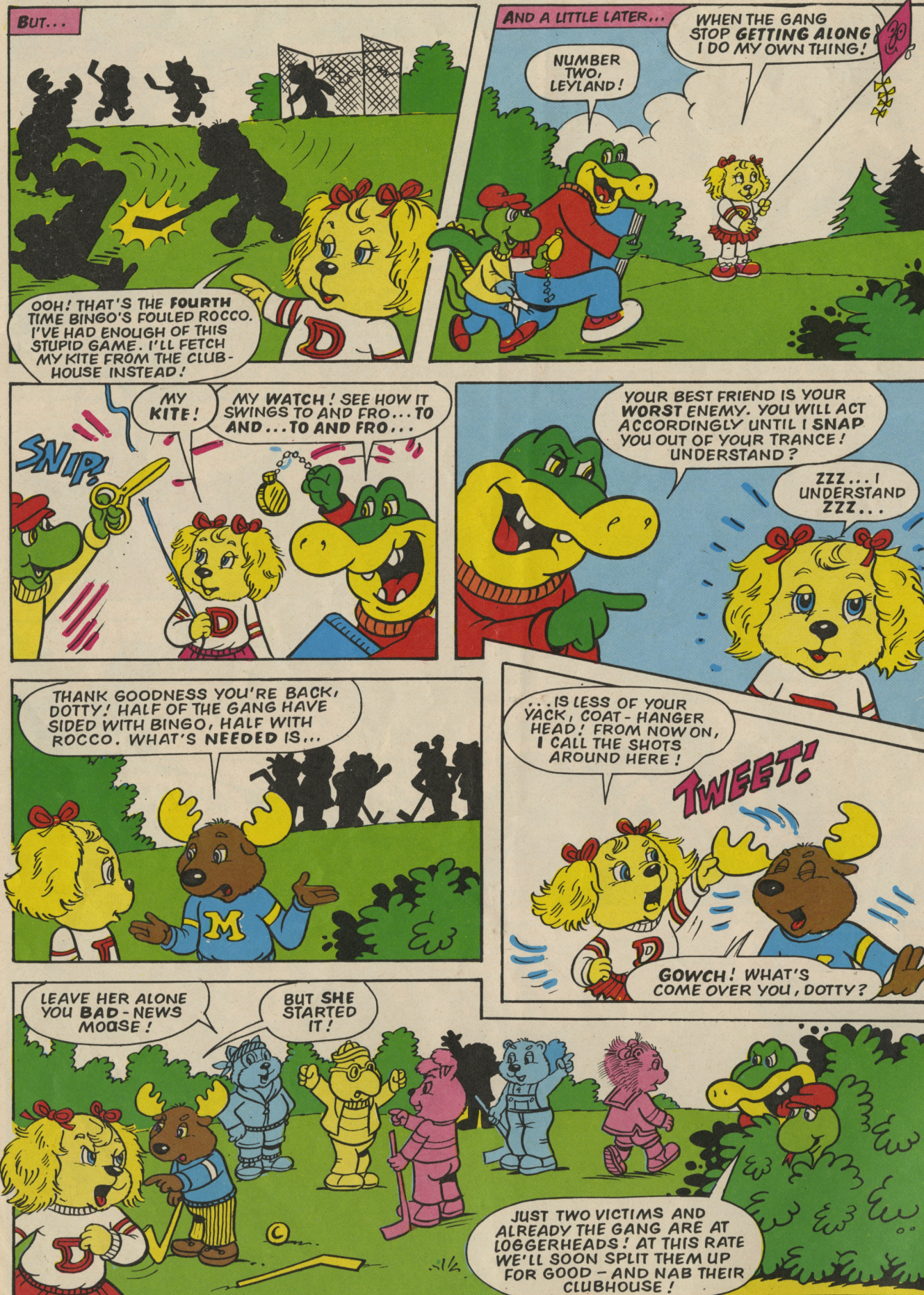
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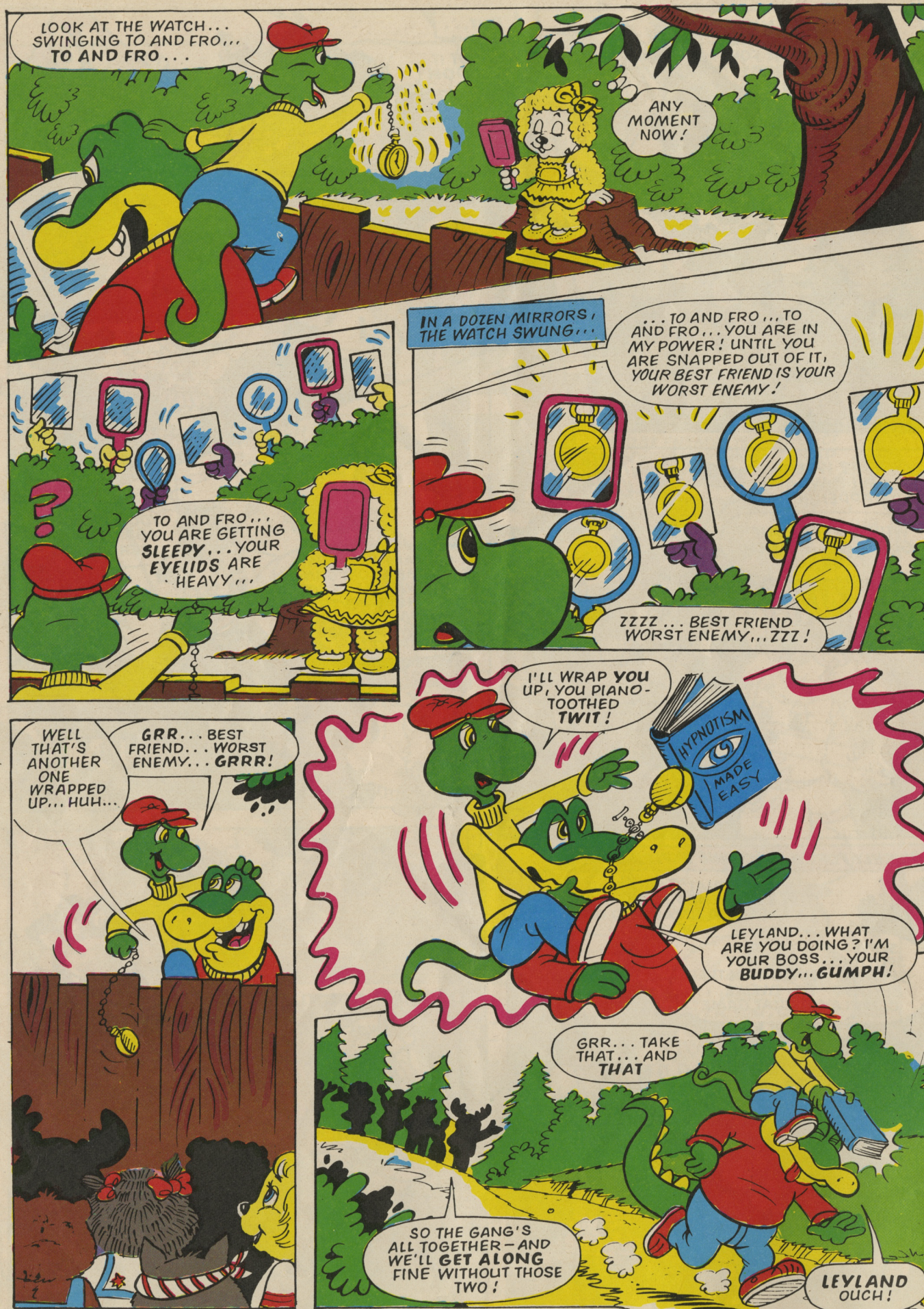
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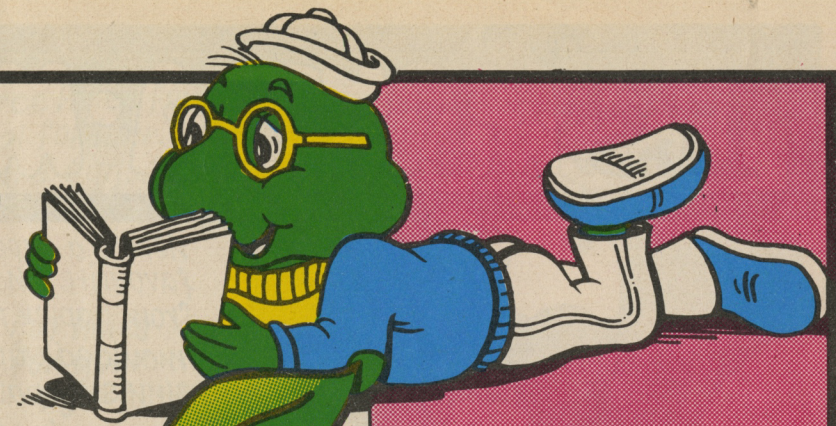
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AS EASY AS ABC



add. Put together. If Montgomery *adds* two apples to Dotty's two apples, they will have four apples.

address. The place where someone lives. Mr Hoofnagel's *address* is the Hoofnagel's Ice Cream Emporium, Green Meadow.

age. How many years you have lived.

air. Everyone breathes air.

airplane. A machine for flying.

alive. Living, not dead.

alone. By yourself. On your own.

alphabet. The 26 letters we use to make words with: a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z.

amuse. Make someone laugh.

animal. Creatures like dogs and cats.

ant. A tiny insect.

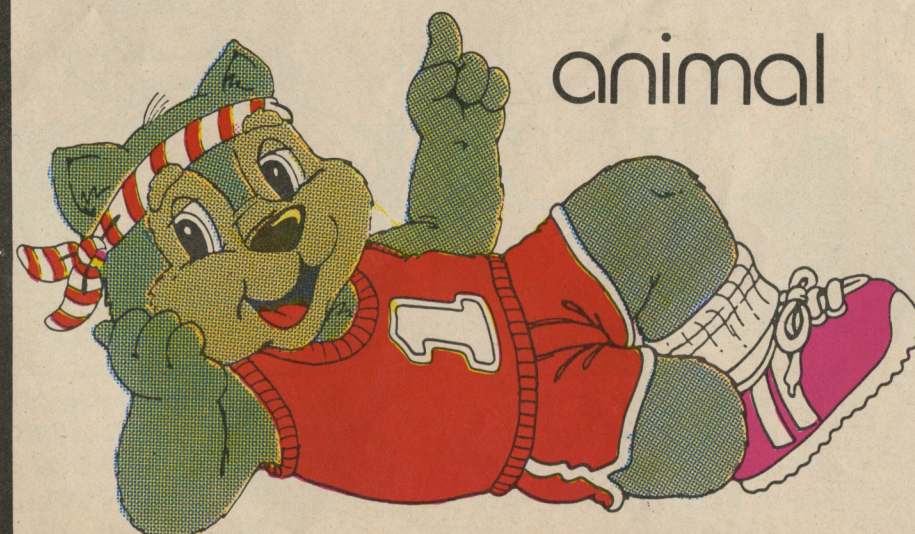
apple. A fruit. Dotty Dog likes red apples.

arithmetic. Working and playing with numbers.

arm. The part of your body joined to your shoulders and hands.

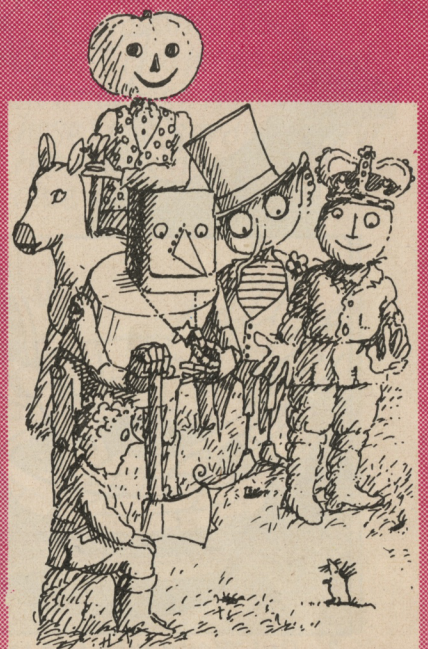
asleep. Not awake.

aunt. Your mother's or father's sister. Your uncle's wife.



animal

book choice



The Marvellous Land of Oz by L. Frank Baum. Published by Puffin Classics. Price: £1.25.

Children have been reading Dorothy's adventures in *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* for 85 years. What perhaps many people do not know is that L. Frank Baum wrote many stories about that colourful and strange world. *The Marvellous Land of Oz* is another magical tale set in that magical land, at a time when the Scarecrow (with his new, clever brain) wisely rules the Emerald City and a wicked sorcerer called Mombi sets out to cause terrible mischief!

It's MAKE-A-MASK Time

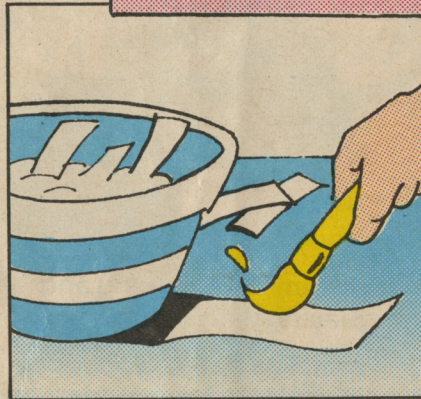
Here's a super way to make masks of your favourite characters. The masks are made from papier maché (which is French for 'moulded paper') Use poster paint or emulsion paint to cover them. Let it dry thoroughly.

Things you need:

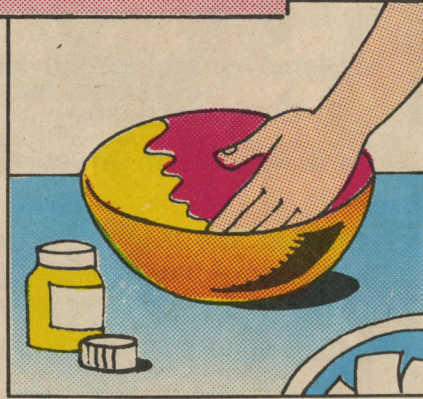
- Clean mixing bowl. Wooden spoon
- 2 tablespoons white flour and ½ litre hot tap water, or cold water
- Wallpaper paste. Shallow glass bowl large enough to cover face.
- Vaseline. Lots of long newspaper strips, each about 4cc wide
- Stiff paint brush. Scissors. Glue.
- Plastic containers and pieces of cardboard eggboxes.



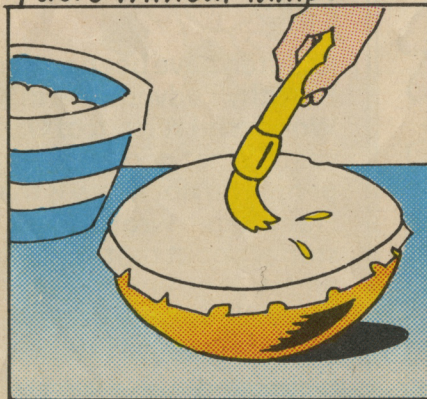
1. Put flour into the mixing bowl and stir in the hot water slowly to make a smooth thick paste without lumps.



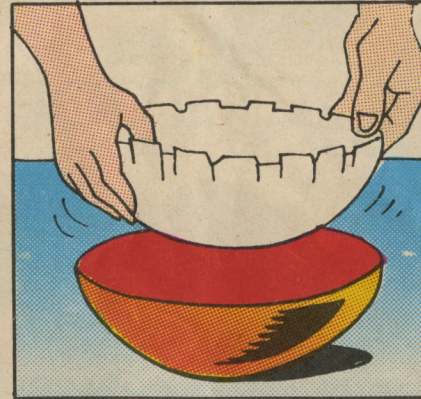
2. Now soak newspaper strips in the paste for a few seconds. Remove the surplus paste.



3. Make the mask mould by coating the inside of the shallow bowl with a thin layer of vasaline.



7. Brush more paste on, smooth to remove any wrinkles. Leave the mould for two days. Keep surplus paste.

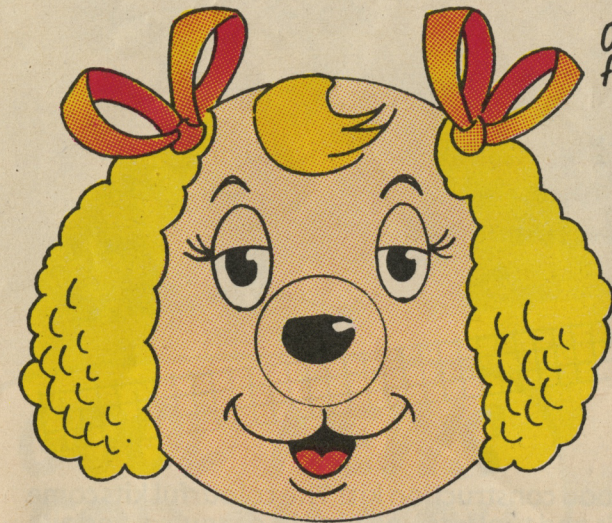


8. When paper is dry, gently pull out the shape, lifting it with one hand, holding bowl with the other.

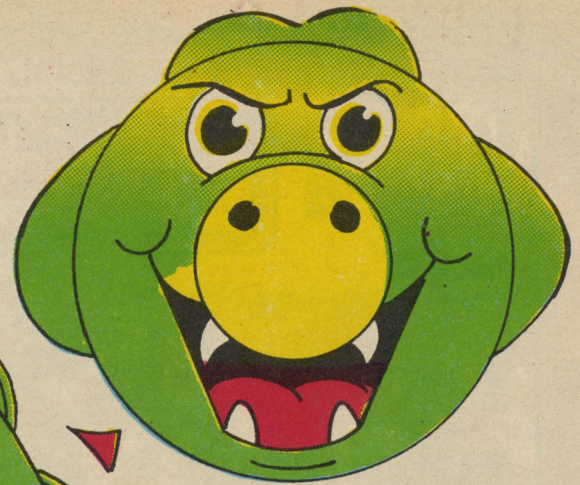


9. With scissors trim off any uneven strips. Soak long strips in paste and press around edge to bind it.

DOTTY DOG. Use a skewer to pierce holes for ribbon (in bows) and wool material for hair. For nose use 'dome from cardboard eggbox. End of nose use black material or large button.

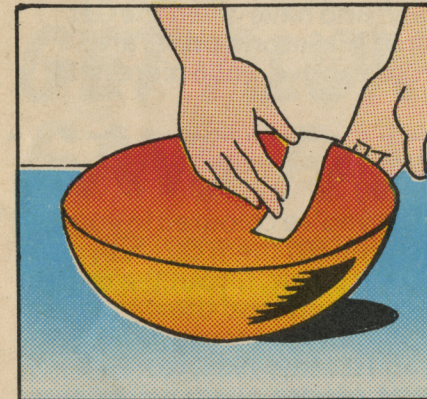


Cut holes for your eyes!

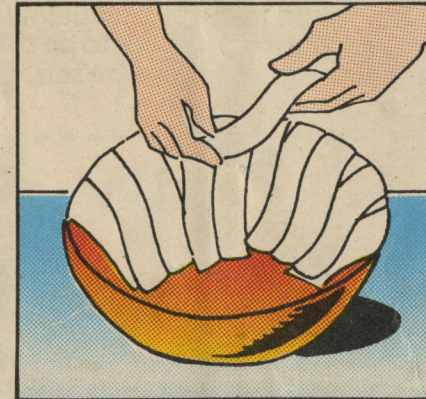


CATCHUM.

Use plastic container for Catchum's nose (Make two holes so that you can see through nose) Use cardboard for top and side pieces, glue at back.



4. Start at the middle and press one strip onto the mould so that the end hangs over the bowl.



5. Do the same with all the strips, go all round until inside of bowl is covered.

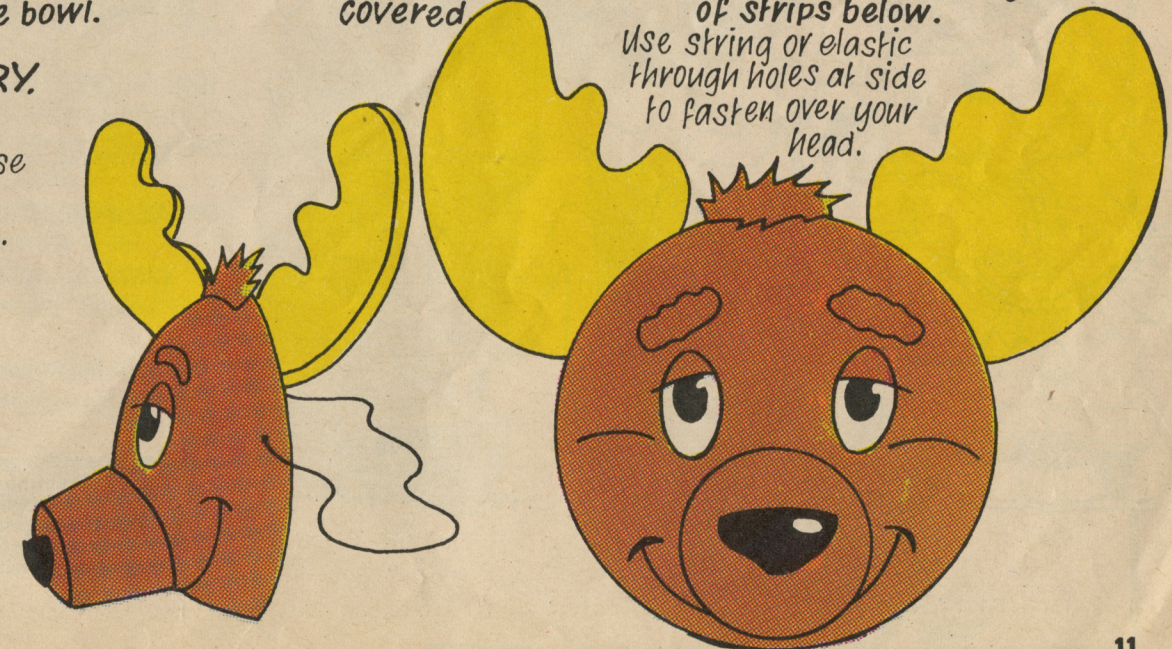


6. Now press on five more layers so that each strip overlaps the edges of strips below.

Use string or elastic through holes at side to fasten over your head.

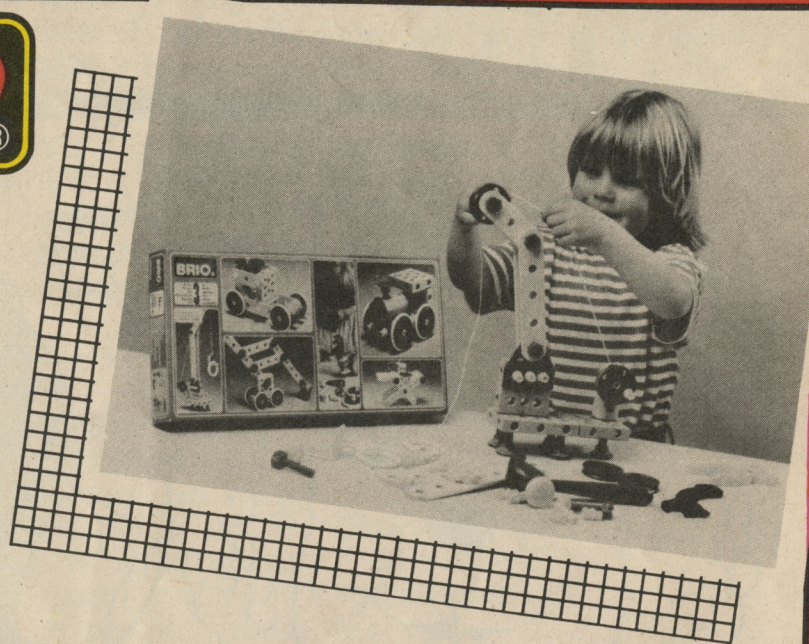
MONTGOMERY.

Use plastic container for nose and cut antlers from cardboard. Glue behind and side of face. Stick pieces of cottonwool for eyebrows.



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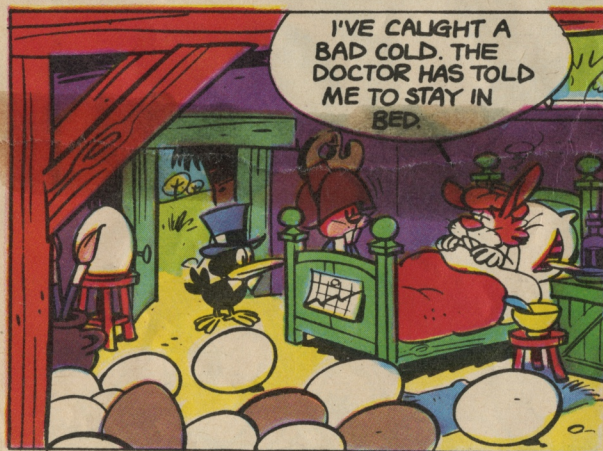
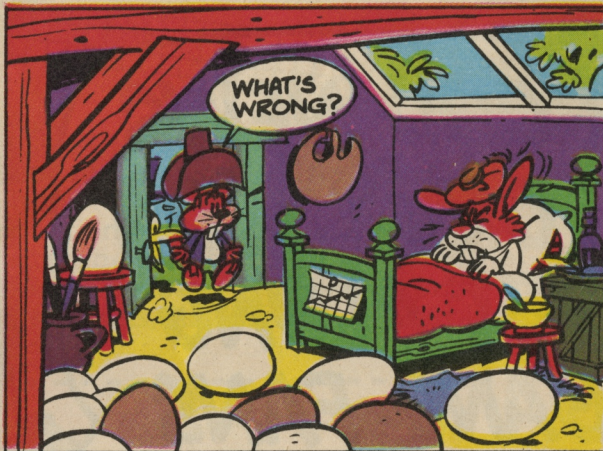
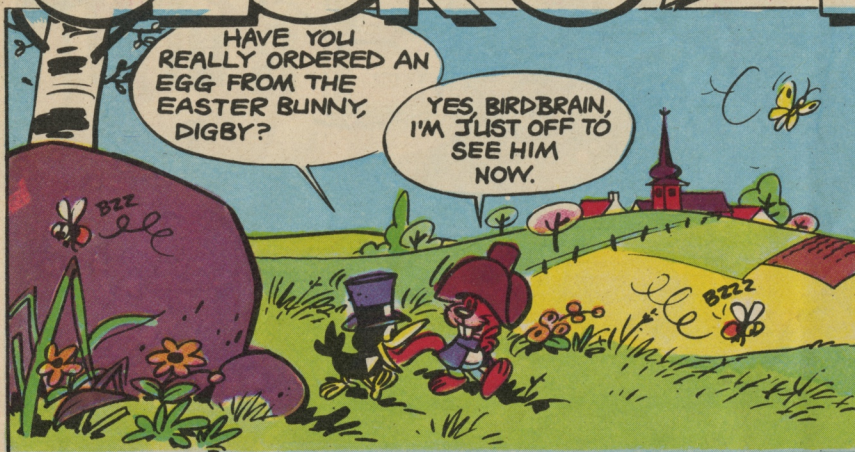
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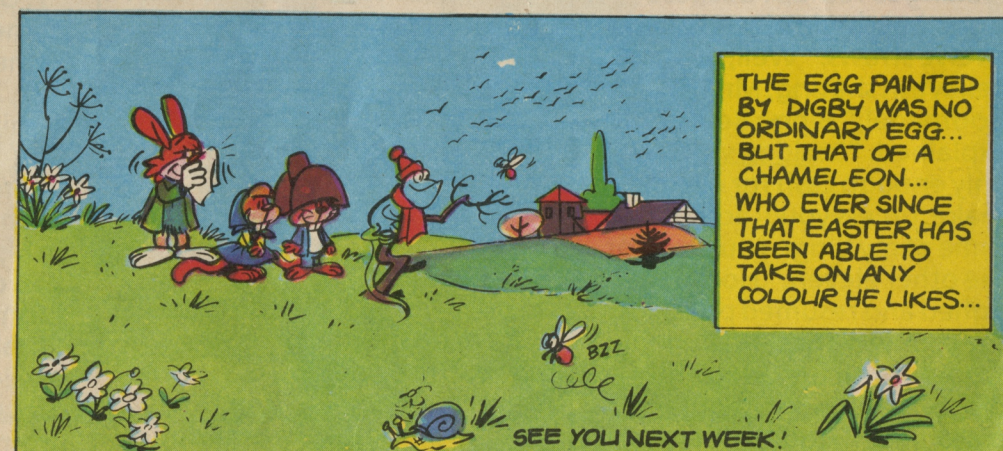
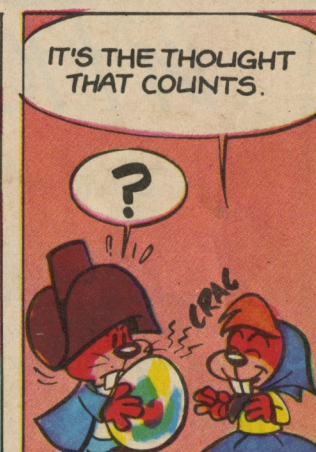
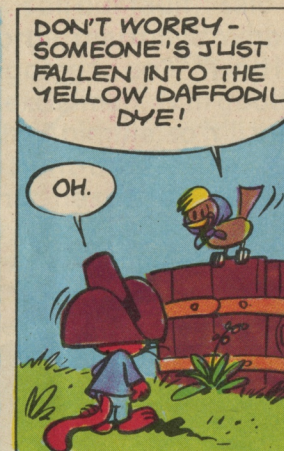
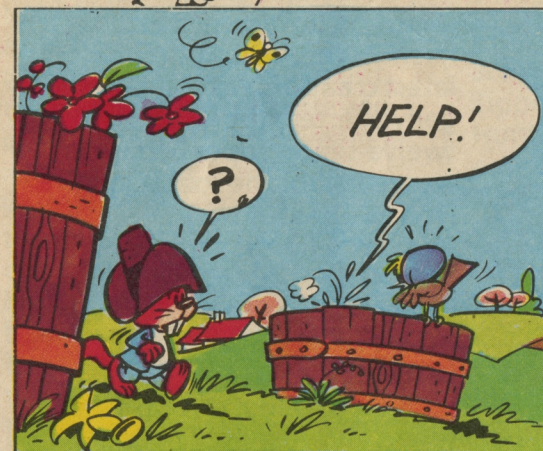
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CLORO AND DIGBY



...IN AN EASTER TALE!



The GET ALONG GANG



in HOOF-AID

Close down Hoofnagel's! It was unthinkable . . .
Something had to be done!

Schloop! Schlurp! Every member of *The Get Along Gang* was enjoying a milk shake at Hoofnagel's, so why was the grumpy old goat looking so fed-up? Because from that single glass snaked twelve straws. "Well, we believe in sharing, Mr Hoofnagel," Bingo Beaver explained. "Besides, we've only enough cash for one milk shake, unless you'll accept some of my bingo counters for the other eleven." Hoofnagel sighed and resumed polishing the counter. There was no arguing with the Gang and they were, at least, regular customers. "Trade's not what it

was kids," he muttered gloomily. "Folks go for city coffee-bars these days. Good, old-fashioned, home-made milk shakes aren't as popular. In fact," he continued, "unless I do attract more customers, I might have to close down the shop!"

Close down Hoofnagel's! The Gang finished their drink in stunned silence. It was unthinkable. Something had to be done. "Race you back to the Clubhouse Caboose for a crisis meeting," called Zipper Cat, as he sprinted from the shop. *The Get Along Gang* are never stumped for long. Soon, sounds of industry from within

the Clubhouse told of a plan underway. **Bang! Hammer! Bang!** An hour later, the friends were admiring their latest creation. Fast, sleek and gaily painted, the twelve-seater super pedal-cart was ready for the road. Dotty Dog had painted large messages along the sides of the cart. **HOOFNAGELS FOR THE BEST MILK SHAKES AROUND! DON'T BE GOOFS. . . VISIT HOOF'S!**

"Now to pedal through the towns and villages," beamed Bingo. "I bet these adverts will bring people flocking to Mr Hoofnagel's." Soon, the **Save Hoofnagel's** project was underway. The twelve friends pedalled through towns and villages with their painted cart. However, luck didn't seem to be on their side. "Hardly anyone around," Portia Porcupine complained later. "And no-one seems to be reading our notices. Can we go home now?" Montgomery 'Good News' Moose pointed ahead. "We are home, Portia." Indeed, the cart had come full circle and was about to start down the slope leading towards the Old Troll bridge—gateway to Green Meadow. "Hang on everyone, this bit's quite steep."

Montgomery's warning rang out as the twelve seater began to pick up speed. The gang were going downhill all the way—and enjoying every minute of it. Until. . .

"Oh no! A van has stopped at the side of the lane. Someone's standing beside it. . . and he hasn't seen us coming." Indeed, a dark, uniformed figure was blocking the road ahead. Intently examining a small cage he held in his hands, the first inkling he had of his peril was Montgomery's frantic yell. "Braker, hit the brakes!" With a wild cry, he leapt aside in the nick of time, the box flying from his grasp as the Gang

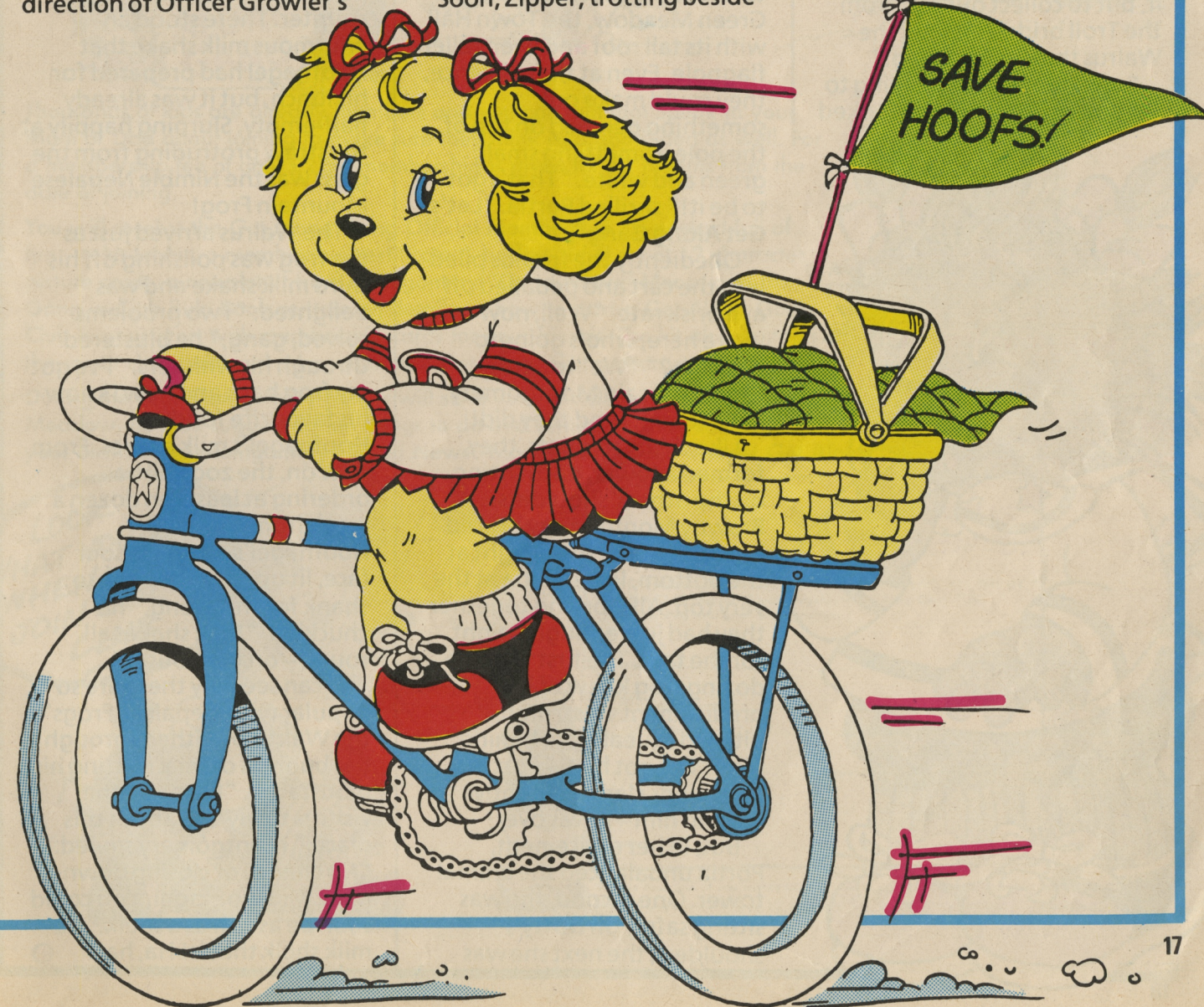
hurtled past. **S-K-I-D!** Braker Turtle brought the cart to an abrupt halt, sending his friends tumbling out in a jumble of arms and legs. By the time they'd sorted themselves out, the cause of their trouble was standing over them, revealed as a glowering, uniformed Walrus. "You—you blockheads!" he rasped, his moustache quivering in anger. He held up the object he had been examining, now shown to be an empty cage. "I was on the way to our zoo laboratories at Quaxville to try and find a suitable diet for this specimen. I'd stopped to check that it was okay, when you lot bowled me over. Now thanks to you, my rare Nimble Nepalese Mountain Frog has vanished!" With that, the Walrus stumped off in the direction of Officer Growler's

police station to report the loss leaving the Gang in a shocked huddle.

"This is all our fault," said little Portia, tearfully. "What are we going to do?" "Find it!" Zipper exclaimed. "I'm good at Hunt-the-Thimble, so it'll be easy to Hunt-the-Nimble." With that, he sped away. Bingo shook his head wearily. "There he goes, rushing off without a plan. Not me, I'll lay any odds you like that I can find that run. . . er. . . hopaway, in a jiffy!" So saying, he rushed away homewards. The gang had forgotten that it was always much better to work as a team. Soon, all the members could be seen rushing in opposite directions, all determined to be the one to track down the Nimble Nepalese Mountain Frog.

Soon, Zipper, trotting beside

Gummyfoot Swamp, was halted by a familiar sound. "Ribbick, ribbick." "Aha," he purred. "I knew I'd track the frog down—and there it is," he continued, spotting a bright, green grinning frog on the far side of the bank. "Just as well I'm a champion long-jumper." So saying, he ran full tilt towards the edge of the swamp. . . bumping right into Bingo Beaver and then plunging them both into the muddy ooze. "You twit," Zipper exclaimed, hauling himself out of the swamp. "I was just about to nab the Nimble Nepalese Mountain Frog." Bingo glowered and held up the grinning frog. "I was using this talking toy frog as a decoy, to lure the real one to me. Now you've ruined everything."



Back at the Caboose, they met Montgomery and the other members of the Gang, none of whom had fared any better. Dotty Dog, hunting the frog on a pogo stick had bounced over a low fence to collide with Braker Turtle crouched on the ground looking for webbed footprints with a magnifying glass. Bernice Bear had torn her best apron searching a bramble-filled ditch. Lolly Squirrel's attempts at a sticky trap made from melted toffee had only succeeded in catching Rudyard Lion!

"What a shambles!" Montgomery spoke for all of them. "Serves us right for going our own ways instead of working together. Nothing for it, but to collect our cart from the Troll bridge and tell the Walrus that we've failed."

Soon, they were speaking to the zoo official. "We've looked

everywhere that a frog might be found – the swamp, ponds, rivers, ditches," Bingo explained sadly. "But none of us got even a glimpse of your specimen." The Walrus quivered his jowls. "I'm not surprised. If, you'd asked instead of rushing into things, I'd have told you that the Nimble Nepalese Mountain Frog hates water, mud, ditches. . . in short, anything too low down. In fact," he continued importantly, "it choses the best view all around for a resting place."

"Where's the highest place in Green Meadow?" asked Dotty Dog. "Not the School House, not Hoofnagel's. . . but yes, of course. . ." As one, every member of the Gang looked towards the tallest building in Green Meadow, the Town Hall with its tall roof and even taller flagpole. Even at that distance, they could make out something perched on top of the pole, something small, green and white. "That's got to be it!" shrielled Portia. "Let's Get Along Gang".

Obediently the friends piled into the cart and pedalled off at a brisk rate. "Well, now we're here, who's going to climb up?" "We'll do this together" said Montgomery, "as a team!" And they did!

Like circus acrobats, they formed a tower, each sitting on the others' shoulders. Brawny Montgomery braced himself to take the weight at the bottom, little Portia at the very top. All working together they had just enough height for the task. The first that the dozing frog knew of his predicament was a high pitched squeal close behind him. "I've got him!" Portia's tiny hands clamped gently around him – it was over!

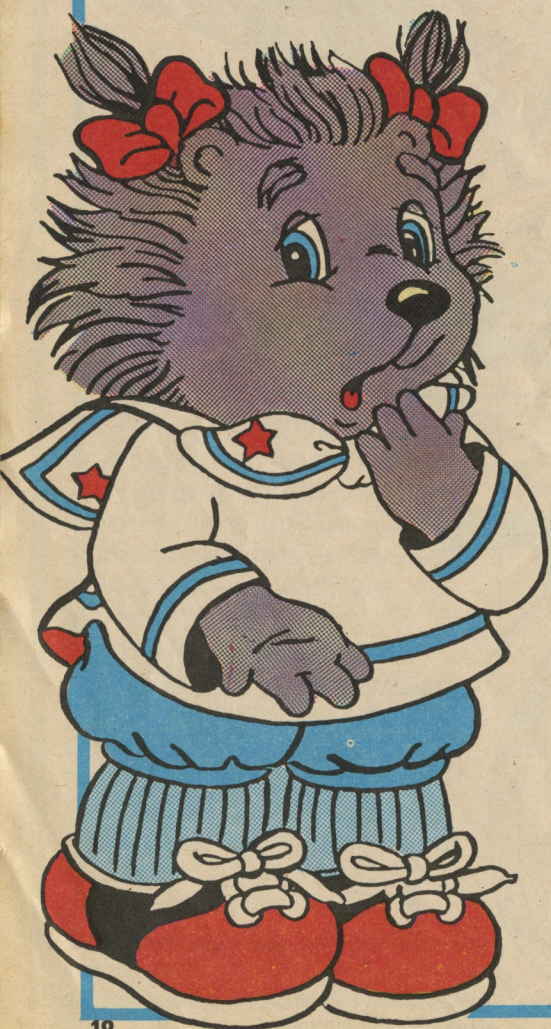
But, in her excitement, Portia unbalanced the animal tower. One second, she was sitting safely on Dotty's shoulders, the next she was

falling, the precious frog still clutched in her hands. She landed, with a bump, in the unattended pedal-cart. Giving a shriek of horror as she felt the cart rolling down the incline towards the rear of Hoofnagel's Emporium. **Crash!** Through the rear entrance of the shop bounded the runaway vehicle to come to a sudden halt as it struck Mr Hoofnagel. Both he and Portia landed in a huge tub of ice-cream! **GLAARGH!**

The sight that greeted the Gang as they burst into the shop in pursuit, was of arms and legs waving from the depths of the tub. "Daft twit" grunted Zipper, as he pulled Portia out. "You've lost the frog." But Dotty smiled and pointed towards the shop's counter. There stood an enormous milk shake that Hoofnagel had prepared for his lunch, but it was already half-empty. Slurping happily at the straw protruding from the glass was the Nimble Nepalese Mountain Frog!

The Walrus arrived just as the frog was polishing off his third milk shake and was delighted. "Two problems solved, gang," he blustered through his whiskers. "I've got my frog back and now I know his favourite food – Hoofnagel's milk shakes. From now on, the zoo will be ordering at least ten dozen a week from you, sir." Hoofnagel's normally sour face, lit up. "I've got you to thank for this, gang," he chuckled. "Milk shakes all round – on the house!"

"I can see why these are so popular with Nepalese Frogs", the Walrus breathed through the bubbles of milk coating his moustache. "I'll tell all the visitors to my zoo about this place." Montgomery smiled. "No chance of closing down now, Mr Hoofnagel. You could soon be as rich as a sheik. . . a milk sheik that is! Ha, ha!"



Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think its a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

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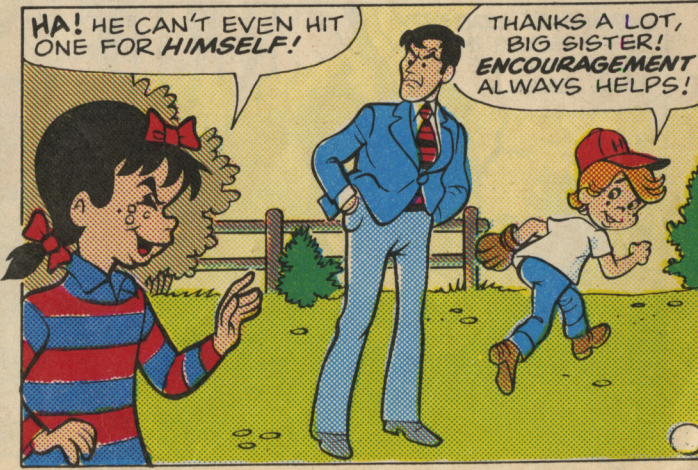
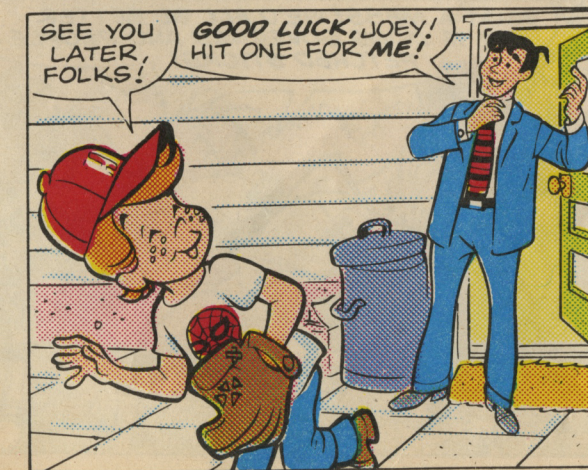
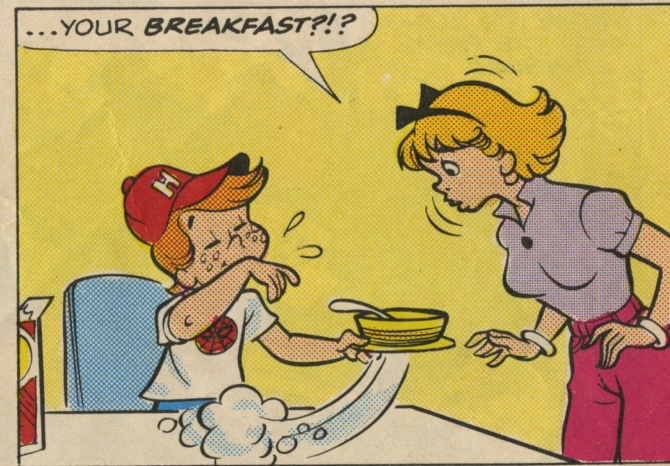
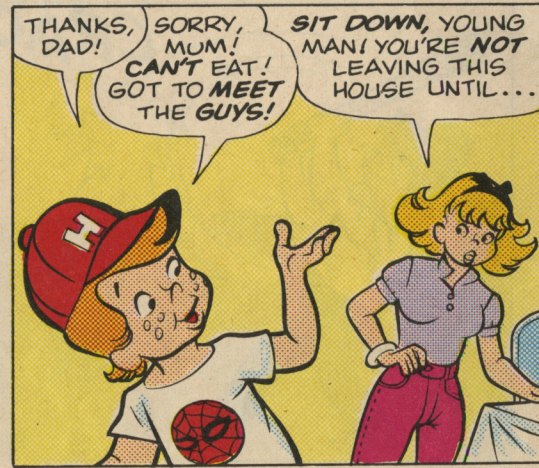
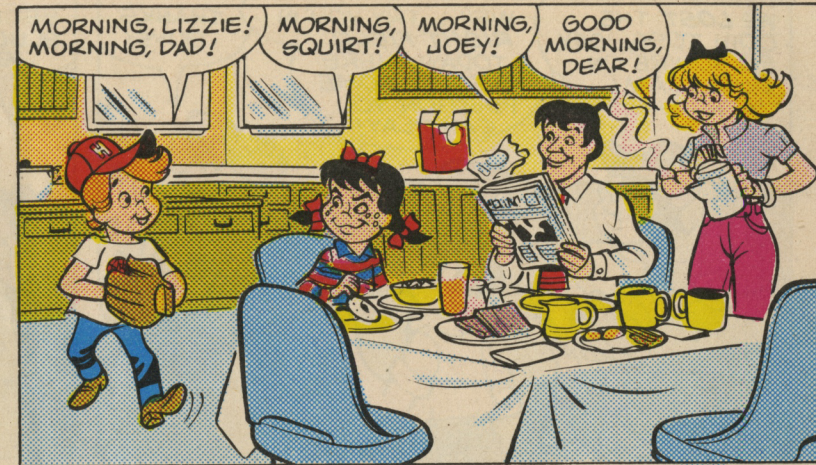
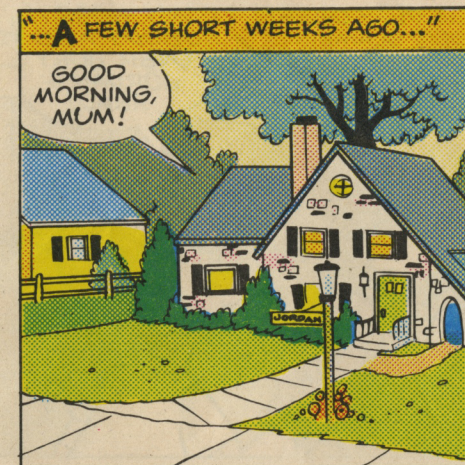
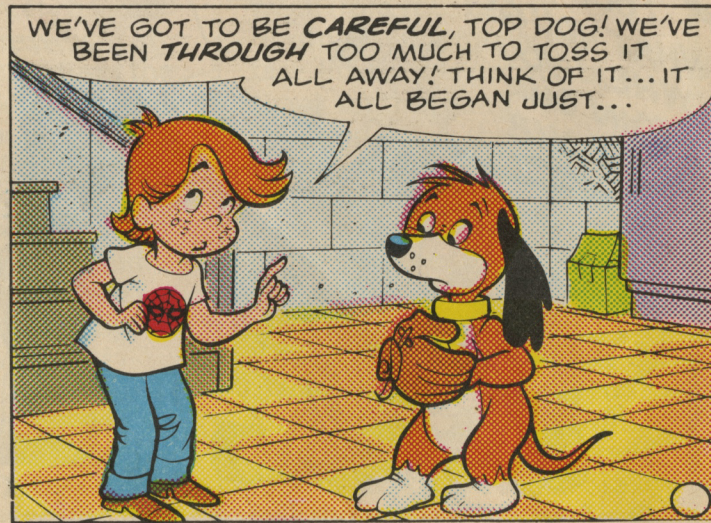
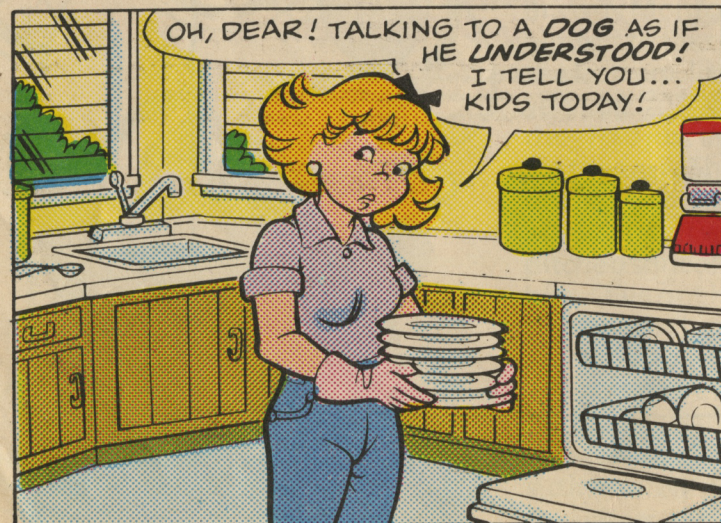
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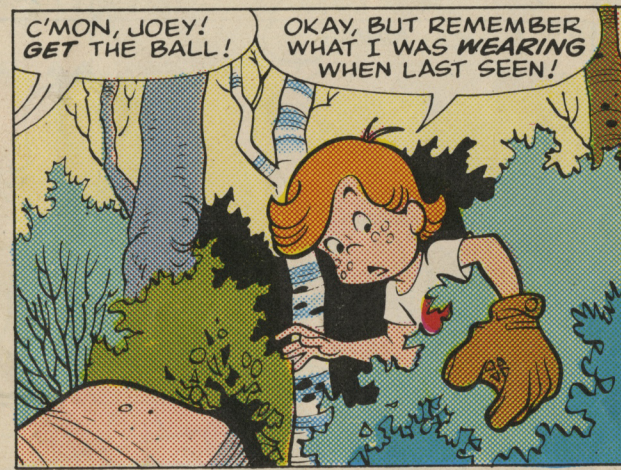
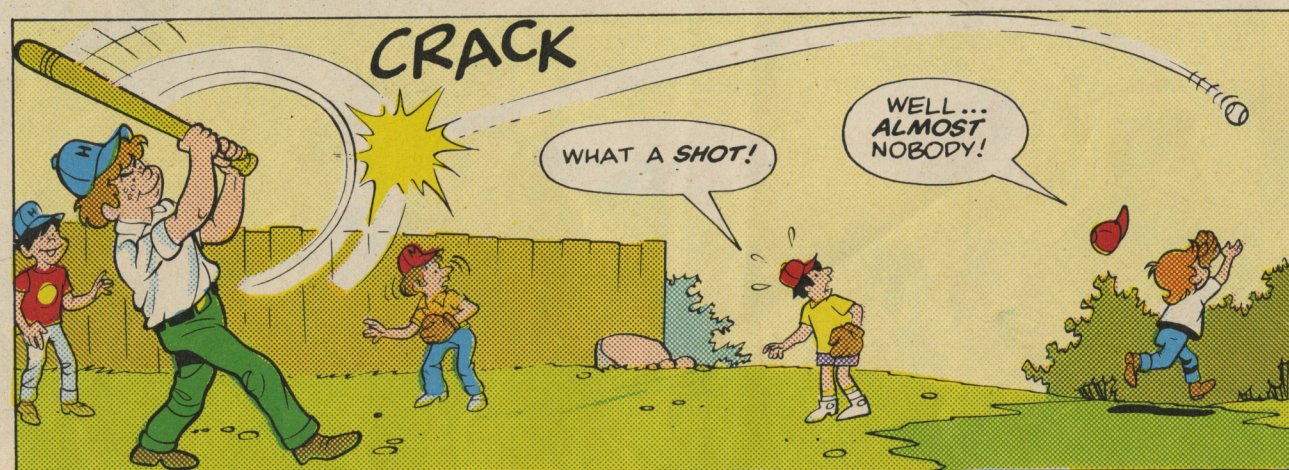
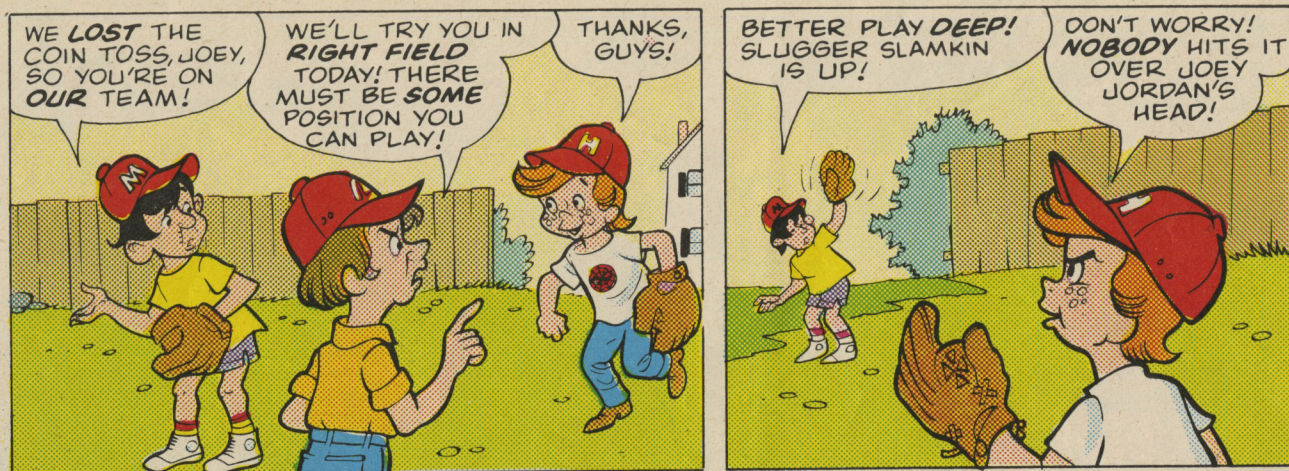
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Dear Newsagent. Please reserve me a copy of **Get Along Gang** every week.

Name

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Parent or guardian's signature

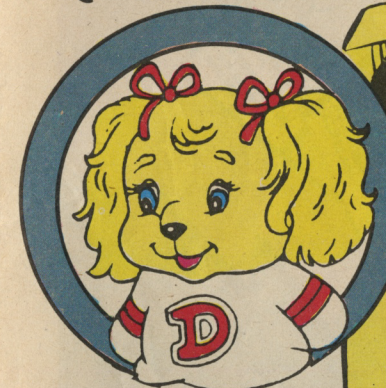


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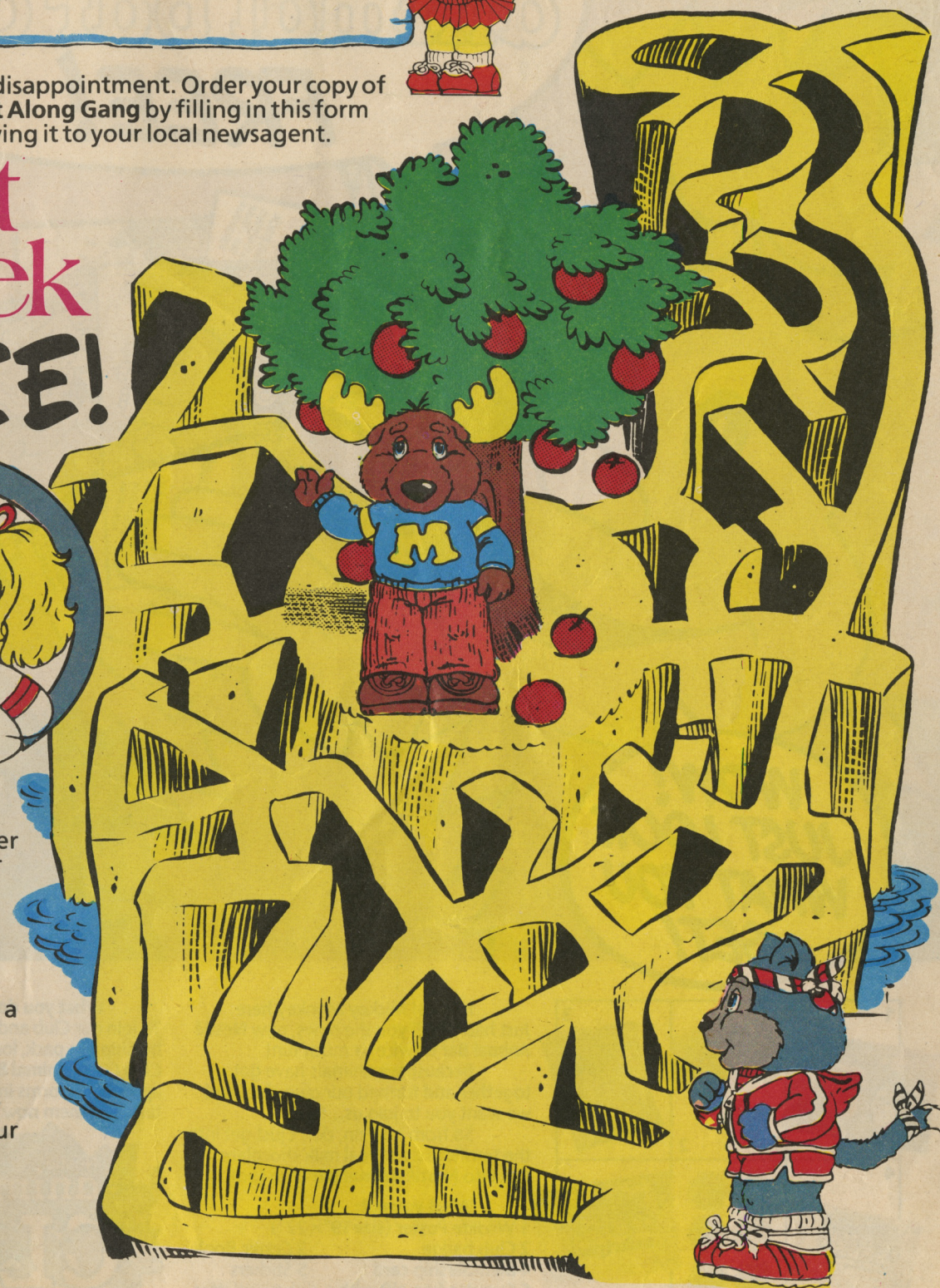
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A Film Producer comes to Green Meadow to find a new film star!

A chance to win **Get Along Gang** furniture for your bedroom!



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8 OF THESE TO JOIN
Nestlé
animal bar club
FREE!**

**WOW!
JUST LOOK
WHAT YOU
GET!**



Hi kids! Mickey Monkey here.
Just had to tell you the news, now Nestlé
Animal Bar is twice as much fun!

Because we animals have got
together and formed our own club, and
we want you to join us...free!

So from now on, don't just get into
the terrific taste of real milk chocolate.
Get into Nestlé Animal Bar Club too!

What you get:

- 1 Wildlife Poster (size 19"×27")
 - 2 Club badge
 - 3 Comic Book
 - 4 Membership card
 - 5 Stickers
 - 6 Surprise free gift with a club newsletter.
- All in a special safari folder!

What you do:

To join our Club and claim your free mem-
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Club Offer Animal Bar wrappers with
application forms inside, and start collec-
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